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ABIDJAN FOR AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, FT, SO, US

SUBJ: SOMALI SUPPORT FOR TERRORIST GROUPS III

REF: STATE 107679

1. CHARGE CONVEYED REFTEL CONTENTS TO HASSAN KAID ABDILLAH MAY 12, NOTING THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED SENATOR JAVITS DID NOT CHARGE GSDR WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES OF FLCS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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REGRETTING ANY IMPRESSION WHICH ABBREVIATED PRESS REPORTS MIGHT HAVE GIVEN TO CONTRARY.

2. HASSAN KAID REPLIED THAT GSDR WAS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT INFORMATION PROVIDED, AS SUCH. HOWEVER, IT WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT "VOA"NEWS ITEM WHICH HAD GIVEN "WHOLE WORLD" IMPRESSION THAT USG REGARDED GSDR AS TERRORIST SUPPORTER. INTENTIONALLY

OR NOT, HE SAID, "DAMAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE". GSDR VIEWS SITUATION "SERIOUSLY" AND IS NOW CONTEMPLATING WHAT REPLY TO MAKE. HASSAN KAID SAID HE HAD ALREADY DRAFTED "STIFF" NOTE VERBALE WHICH WAS BEING REVIEWED BY "POLITICAL AUTHORITIES". ADDITIONALLY, CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO PUBLIC REPLY OVER RADIO MOGADISCIO.

3. IN MEANTIME, HOWEVER, GSDR IS TREATING AFFAIR IN LOW KEY.
ONLY PUBLIC OFFICIAL REFERENCE THUS FAR AYJPEARED IN MAY 11 SOMALI
NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN, WHICH CARRIED AN INA REPORT
DATELINED BAGHDAD CITING THAT IRAQI GOVERNMENT REACTION TO
"REPORT SUBMITTED BY AMERICAN SENATOR JACOB JAVITS IN WHICH HE
ACCUSED IRAQ AND SOME ARAB COUNTRIES OF ASSISTING TERRORISTS"

NO MENTION WAS MADE OF USG OR GSDR.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY OFFICIAL GSDR REACTION OVER NEXT DAY OR TWO. TOMORROW, FRIDAY, IS THE MUSLIN SABBATH. AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, DR. ABDURAHMAN JAMA BARRE, WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TAKE RIGID POSITION IN AFFAIR, HAS LEFT MOGADISCIO TO ATTEND MAPUTO CONFERENCE ON ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. WITH EXPLANATIONS ALREADY GIVEN FOREIGN MINISTRY, WE BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE RESPITE OF FEW DAYS WHILE GSDR MULLS OVER ITS OFFICIAL REACTION. TIMELY CLARIFICATION BY DEPARTMENT/VOA, THUS, COULD SOILL BE HELPFUL. JACOBS

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